

Report from the Users' Center

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Items Being Addressed at Users' Center

- ATLAS still in process
- NUFO
 - March 28-29, 2006
 - Impressive speaker list
 - 40 registrants to date
 - Unknown what safety/training personnel will be attending
- ASAP
 - party this month
 - NSLS is now part of the e-mail distributions

Items Being Addressed (cont.)

- UEC Budget & Account—nothing to report
- Tandem patent agreements waiting for response from Tandem

DOE Strengthens Rules Governing Worker Safety (2/2/2006)

Energy Secretary Samuel W. Bodman: regulations aimed at improving worker safety across the Department of Energy complex. This rule establishes a uniform set of standards that will require department-wide compliance and **monetary fines** for contractors who fail to apply these regulations.

DOE Strengthens Safety Rules (cont.)

- What does this mean?
 - Price Anderson Nuclear Safety philosophy will apply to all OSHA rules (e.g., eye-wash stations)
 - No grandfather clause
 - Probably will not be any DOE funding for upgrades to meet today's OSHA standards
 - BNL will develop a plan on how to proceed during the next 12 months
 - \$70,000/day fine for all non-compliance
 - \$35,000/day for all self-report non-compliance

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always welcome